

HOUSE BILL 847

By Fitzhugh

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,  
relative to coverage of dependent children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2302(a), is amended by  
deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(1) An individual hospital or medical expense insurance policy or contract, as provided under chapter 26, 28, or 29 of this title, that provides coverage of a dependent child shall terminate upon attainment of the limiting age for dependent children specified in the policy, shall also provide that the limiting age not be earlier than twenty-six (26) years. This subdivision (a)(1) shall not be construed to require coverage for a dependent child under the policy of insurance, if the dependent child would be otherwise ineligible for the coverage either by the terms of the policy of insurance or other provisions of this title, except those relating to the limiting age for the dependent child stated in this subdivision (a)(1).

(2) A group hospital or medical expense insurance policy or contract, as provided under chapter 26, 28, or 29 of this title, that provides that coverage of a dependent child shall terminate upon attainment of the limiting age for dependent children specified in the policy, shall also provide that the limiting age not be earlier than twenty-six (26) years. This subdivision (a)(2) shall not be construed to require coverage for a dependent child under the policy of insurance if the dependent child would be otherwise ineligible for the coverage either by the terms of the policy of insurance or other provisions of this title, except those relating to the limiting age for the dependent child stated in this subdivision (a)(2).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2302(b)(1), is amended by deleting the language "specified in the policy" and substituting the language "specified in the policy subject to subsection (a)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2302(b)(1), is further amended by deleting the language "delivered or issued for delivery in this state more than one hundred twenty (120) days after May 7, 1969,".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2302(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "specified in the policy" and substituting the language "specified in the policy subject to subsection (a)".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2302(b)(2), is further amended by deleting the language "delivered or issued for delivery in this state more than one hundred twenty (120) days after May 7, 1969,".

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it. This act shall apply to all policies or contracts entered into, renewed, amended, or delivered on or after July 1, 2017.